



Budget Unit: Newsline for the Blind

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Program Overview

Newsline for the Blind is a subscription service administered by the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) known as NFB-NEWSLINE®. NFB-NEWSLINE® provides, at no cost to blind and visually impaired individuals, daily access to newspapers and magazines over the phone toll-free. The Iowa Department for the Blind receives a General Fund appropriation to subscribe to the NFB-NEWSLINE® service.

Blind and visually impaired individuals have access over the telephone to the following:

- More than 320 daily newspapers including the Burlington Hawkeye, Cedar Rapids Gazette, Des Moines Register, Iowa City Press Citizen, Iowa Shopping Cart, Mason City Globe-Gazette, Quad City Times, Sioux City Journal, and Waterloo Courier.
- Iowa Information Channel.
- Monthly Consumer bulletins from the Iowa Attorney General's Office.
- Access to several magazines.
- Up to the minute feeds from the Associated Press.
- TV listings.
- Ability to search for jobs.
- Ability to read weekly Target ads.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [216B](#)

Iowa Administrative Code: [111 IAC](#)

More Information

Iowa Department for the Blind: <http://www.blind.state.ia.us/>

National Federation of the Blind NEWSLINE®: <http://www.nfb.org/audio-newspaper-service>

National Federation of the Blind of Iowa: <http://www.nfb.org/>

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/index.aspx>

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